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The reply filed on Dec. 9, 2002, is not fully responsive to the restriction requirement mailed 10/02/2002, because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicants were required to select two B-cell epitopes from SEQ ID Nos: 1-12 if Group I was elected. Applicants elected group I, but elected a B-cell epitope and a T-cell epitope (SEQ ID NO: 6 and SEQ ID NO: 42). See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Office should be directed to Anne Holleran, Ph.D. whose telephone number is (703) 308-8892. Examiner Holleran can normally be reached Monday through Friday, 9:30 am to 2:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Anthony Caputa, Ph.D. can be reached at (703) 308-3995.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist at telephone number (703) 308-0196.

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